

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MIDLAND/ODESSA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

(1) AGHORN OPERATING, INC., et al.

NO. 7:22-CR-00049-DC

**NOTICE OF AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE AND MOTION TO
CONTINUE MARCH 10 MOTIONS HEARING**

COMES NOW THE UNITED STATES, through counsel, and, on behalf of all parties, informs the Court that last night the parties reached an agreement to settle this case as to all Defendants by pleas. The agreements will ask the Court to accept agreed sentences for all defendants under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C). The parties are working diligently to prepare plea documents, but they will not be finished before tomorrow's scheduled hearing.

Based on the above, the parties do not believe there is a need for a contested hearing on March 10-11, and pleas would moot the pending motions as well. Counsel for all parties are in Midland and can appear as scheduled if the Court has any questions. Otherwise, we move that the Court cancel the hearing set for tomorrow, and the parties will work to finish the plea documents in coming days and then schedule a change-of-plea hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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